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Isaac "key" Lapp recently brought home two gold medals from a provincial track meet. He has also set a record for track athletes 14-years-old and younger, across Ontario. Read the whole story on page 28.

Craitor lobbies for riding

➤ MPP says Fort
Erie has more in
common with
Niagara Falls and
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

Every 10 years the Government of Canada looks at electoral boundaries in relation to what communities share in their riding.

There was a proposed change to the riding of Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, which would have removed Fort Erie from the riding and placed it in the Welland riding.

MPP Kim Craitor lobbied to keep Fort Erie with Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake because of the common interests and bonds the three communities have.

"There is a formula in place, which states what the population of a riding should be. They felt this riding was too big population-wise for one MPP to handle," said Craitor.

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Three communities share common health—care issues

From Page 1

He saw an ad in the newspaper that said there would be a federal meeting regarding the matter, so he put together a presentation and brought it to the meeting.

"I asked them to not look at the populations and look at the community interests. The three communities share common health care issues, they share Niagara Parks, the river and the three mayors work often

together on various items," he said.

Following the meeting he contacted the chamber and put together a Leave the Boundaries Alone petition that received overwhelming support from the people of Fort Erie.

"I haven't talked to anyone who was in support of severing Fort Erie from this riding," said Craitor.

Under the current formula the riding of Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake have a popu-

lation of 128,357, which is 20.85 per cent above the provincial quota.

"When I was first elected I didn't have Fort Erie, I had Thorold South, which I thought was strange. In 2007 that changed and I picked up Fort Erie. I think an MPP can represent a

riding this large and provide good services to each community," said Craitor.

The Commission has submitted its report redrawing the province's federal electoral map to the

Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, who sent it to the Speaker of the House of Commons. The report has been tabled, and members of Parliament will have a chance to review the report and file objections to it in the coming weeks.

Craitor is urging the people in the riding to show their support to keep Fort Erie in this riding by contacting MP Rob Nicholson.

"The only way Fort Erie would be removed is if a Federal Member of

Parliament wants to amend the report submitted by the commission. It shouldn't happen, but you can't just sit back on it. It's important for the people to make sure that the MP knows that they want to keep Fort Erie as part of this riding," said Craitor.

The Commission also received persuasive submissions that the Cities of Port Colborne, Welland and Thorold all had a community of interest linked to the Welland Canal, thus

calling for an electoral district with a north-south axis.

The Commission heard submissions suggesting that the area of St. Catharines known as Merrifield has a significant community of interest with the City of Thorold and other communities in the current electoral district of Welland. The Commission does not find those submissions persuasive.

The Commission also received submissions from residents of the community of Dunnville, which is located near the southern boundary of the electoral district of Haldimand—Norfolk, requesting that their area be added to an electoral district in Niagara Region. The Commission does not find those submissions persuasive. Dunnville is located within Haldimand County, not within Niagara Region. One consistent message the Commission received throughout the seven weeks of public hearings was that, wherever possible, it should not interfere with county or regional boundaries.

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Racetrack still waiting for answer about its future

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

Fort Erie is not among the 14 horse-racing tracks that signed a new deal with the province during the week-end.

That's because it was a slots-rental agreement and Fort Erie — along with Windsor and Hlawatha — no longer host slots facilities.

But Sue Leslie, chairwoman of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, says the province remains interested in considering the town for transition money many believe is needed to keep the 116-year-old border oval from closing.

"I can confirm there are conversations and negotiations going on between the government and Fort Erie for transition money," said Leslie, who is also president of the Ontario Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Ontario.

Despite the province announcing last year it was waning the horse-racing industry off slot-machine revenue, it's now plotting to make room in its future gaming strategy for the racing sector.

Under former premier Dalton McGuinty, the Liberal government eliminated slots revenue-sharing with the province's horse-racing industry, leading to the closure of slots at the Fort Erie

Race Track last May. Nearly 300 people were put out of work.

Ontario racetracks used to receive a share of the province's slots revenue, which last year totalled \$345 million. In ending the revenue sharing, the McGuinty government called it a "subsidy," which angered the track industry.

The new deal is expected to reinstate about \$200 million taken from the track industry, though Premier Kathleen Wynne warns the industry will be smaller than it was.

It's still unclear exactly how the province's racetracks will be brought into the gaming strategy, but the province says it will "ensure more revenue streams for racetracks."

Now that the Ontario Lottery and Gaming has reached agreements in principle with all 14 race tracks that host slots facilities, Leslie said the province can focus on the three tracks that don't, such as Fort Erie.

The town has submitted a proposal to the province.

"There are a lot of reasons why Fort Erie should continue to operate, one of them being we need an alternative for horses that don't meet the requirements of larger tracks like Woodbine," Leslie said. "We need (class) B thoroughbred racing."

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Provincial support comes down to 'financing and money'

From Page 3

"There's also a heritage and culture in small com-

munities that is so important to maintain — that small-

town, rural feel as opposed to big, urban, Toronto-sized cities."

Leslie said she understands provincial support for Fort

Erie "comes down to financing and money," but has no reason to think the government isn't serious about helping the border town. "There is some good-faith

negotiations going on," she said. "I don't think they would engage Fort Erie in conversation if they are not attempting to do something to help."

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Do You Remember?

Last week's photo shows Brad Markem receiving the Most Valuable Player award from Stan Uyni, left and John Howard, right; both of the Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association. Brad received the award as a member of the Fort Erie Major Bantams at a

Winter Carnival tournament held in 1981. Our thanks to Melissa Uyni who also wrote in to identify her father-in-law, Stan and an anonymous caller who also told us that the Fort Erie Bantams defeated Port Colborne in that tournament.

Calling all racing fans!

This week's photo features a very steady horse on a parade float. The float has a banner that reads, "Courtesy Fort Erie Jockey Club".

If you know anyone on the float or what parade this was, please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.



Why does Fort Erie have a target on its back for the province?



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

Why does it seem like Fort Erie has a target on its back as the provincial government has its finger on the trigger?

Severe cuts to our health care services, provincial wetland legislation, constant

annual uncertainty about the Fort Erie Racetrack and more issues I don't have the time and space to list are all pointing to the minds of local politicians and residents.

The Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium has worked tirelessly to engage the province, along with the government's own Liberal MPP Kim Craitor, to agree on a plan for the racetrack. But to no avail, at least by this week's press time on Tuesday, no answer has been given about the 116-year-old border oval's future.

Although I try to remain optimistic (it's how I was

raised), the government and the horse racing transition panel should have realized months ago that people involved in the horse racing industry at the local level, can't just sit around and wait for the final verdict.

In a regular year, many owners and trainers would already be getting ready to move into their barns, but this season...there is no indication of whether or not they will be eventually.

Even if the province does provide funding for the Fort Erie Racetrack in 2013, will there be enough participation to fill the field?

It's my assumption that

many people who would normally spend the season at Fort Erie Racetrack have already begun inquiring with other tracks to see if there is room for them. Or, they have already officially decided that they will race elsewhere in 2013, even though they would prefer to be in Fort Erie.

Everyone is co-operating. Even the track's owners agreed to reduce rent for the consortium, a gesture that shows that everyone is on board to date, except for the government.

Another matter being handled at the provincial level that I find confusing, is

the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's actions related to a proposed residential development in north Bridgeburg.

The government ministry filed with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), challenging decisions made by the Town of Fort Erie and Niagara Region that essentially approved the development to move ahead.

The OMB ruled in favour of the development and most people would think it ended at that.

Nope.

The provincial ministry has since appealed the OMB's decision and it will

now be handled in court.

Why does the government have the OMB in place to scrutinize decisions, if a ruling can be challenged by the government that over-see it.

That's like a jury determining someone is innocent, but says they should still serve time because they don't like the defendant's hairstyle.

That's an exaggeration, but I hope you see my point.

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opinion page

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Fort Erie residents should ask why racetrack hasn't been saved

An open letter to Kim Craltor, Niagara Falls Liberal MPP

Fort Erie residents are justified to ask Niagara Falls Liberal MPP Kim Craltor tough questions in light of no deal having been announced to continue live racing at the historic Fort Erie Race Track, Ontario PC Economic Development, Trade and Employment Critic Monte McNaughton said this morning.

McNaughton's comments come following significant criticism of the Liberal government's handling of the horse racing file.

The government does not have agreements to not have racing in 2013 at 8 of 14 tracks including: Ajax, Dresden, Plamboro, Georgian Downs (Barrie), Kawartha, Downs (Peterborough), Ridgeston, Sudbury and Woodstock and has not

scheduled any races for the 2013 Ontario horse racing season.

"We are talking about one of the largest employers in south Niagara, one of the most historic tracks in North America, 116 years old" said McNaughton.

"I think it's a real shame that Kim Craltor is busy trying to score political points, getting peoples hopes up that there will be an announcement by Monday, but here we are on Tuesday morning and Fort Erie is left waiting."

On Friday, media reports show that Craltor had stated that "an announcement specific to the local track in Fort Erie would come on Monday. The Fort Erie Race Track is one of only two thoroughbred race tracks in Ontario and home to the second jewel of Canada's Triple Crown, but as of Tuesday morning, no deal for Fort Erie has been announced.

"Kim Craltor may have

overplayed his hand on this one," McNaughton said. "Considering how hard Fort Erie has been hit and the fact that Kim Craltor has been able to do nothing to get the attention of his political bosses in Toronto, I can see that he would want to take credit on a deal for the Fort Erie Race Track, but blindly choosing a date and saying there will be a deal just won't get it done. I'm sure he'll be getting one or two disappointed calls at his office today."

It is estimated that the horse racing industry employs over 2000 people in and around Fort Erie and that there are over 55,000 jobs connected to the horse racing industry throughout Ontario.

Monte McNaughton
Progressive
Conservative Critic

Silver medal



In February, Niagara Red Raiders Major Atom Girls basketball team competed in a tournament in Newmarket and took home the silver medal. The team's roster is made up of players from all over the region. Fort Erie players are Madison Hutton, Taylor Doyle and Keturah Balabyekubu.

Congrats to council, says reader

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to our whole council on finally agreeing to something positive.

I am referring to the vote to look further and study the proposal to do away

with our ward system.

In previous letters, I have stated that this town is polarized to the point where nothing can be agreed upon whether it is good or not.

A system of councillors at large could be the first step in helping us meld together as one town.

Time will tell whether or not this council is serious in getting along or will it revert to the old four to three game.

Dan Weaver
Fort Erie

Call centre that employed over 100 people will close

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

A leading U.S. call centre that set up shop in Fort Erie in 2011 is closing.

InfoCision, a contract-centre provider for Rogers Communications is closing its Garrison Rd. office at the end of March. The office had more than 100 employees, but was gradually laying people off since January after Rogers cancelled its contract with them, said Jim Thibert, general manager of Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation.

"We are impacted very greatly by global economics," said Thibert. "This has nothing to do with Fort Erie or the Fort Erie labour force. We are just collateral damage."

Thibert said he was told Monday by an InfoCision company official of the call centre's impending closure. He wanted to send employees before receiving their severance packages.

"Unfortunately we are unable to continue our operations in Fort Erie due to the loss of our sole client supporting the centre", InfoCision chief of staff Steve Brubaker said in an e-mail statement Wednesday. "We do want to point out that this is in no way a reflection on Fort Erie as a community or the great people who have worked with us since our opening July 2011."

"InfoCision has provided all current employees with paid notice and we are working with local officials to ensure employees receive training and employment assistance during this difficult transition. We are honouring our commitments and doing what is right in this situation for the company and our employees."

Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin said company officials were at one time working with the town to try and find their own building instead of leasing the space above Uncle Sam's Bingo.

"It's a sad day," said Martin. "They were a great



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InfoCision, a call centre that opened on Garrison Rd. in 2011 will be hanging up the phones and closing its doors at the end of the month. The closure is the result of InfoCision's major client, Rogers Communications, ending its contract with the company.

company to work with and it's unfortunate their major contract with Rogers is no longer there."

Martin said he sympathizes with Fort Erie residents who have recently lost their jobs. Closure of the Slots at Fort Erie Race Track, wind turbine manufacturer DMI,

drugmaker Pathcon and most recently the Vertis Communications printing plant have all dealt major blows to Fort Erie's workforce.

Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor said he has been talking with Thibert to see if there was anything he could do to help InfoCision, but because Rogers is a private company, there wasn't much he or the province could do.

"I'm devastated. I was there when it opened," he said. "I remember how the president of the company said how proud they were to have brought the company to Fort Erie — how highly-skilled and hard-working the employees are."

Craitor said despite the bad news, he's not giving up on Fort Erie.

"Fort Erie is still a great place to invest in. I don't want to get all doom and gloom. It's sad, but it's not a reflection on InfoCision, the town or the workforce."

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Kris Dubé
Editor

Capt. Jim Priebe is hanging up his uniform, after decades of service with the Fort Erie Air Cadets 337 Allan Troup Squadron.

In 2010, Priebe stepped down as captain and the reins were taken over by Capt. Harry Sully.

Since then, Priebe served as a deputy commanding officer and played a large role in recruiting new generations of cadets in the Greater Fort Erie area.

Although he is no longer in the top position within the squadron, he will remain highly involved, as a civilian instructor.

He said in the near future the commanding officer position will be handed off to Nic Chevalier, a local resident who has according to Priebe, paid his dues to be given the role.

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Air cadet representatives from Niagara John DeRousie, Samantha Greenwood, Nic Chevalier, Al Chevalier, Jim Priebe, Ian Izzard, Ann-Marie Norio, Harry Sully and Norm Behring, celebrating over 40 years of service from 337 Allan Troup Squadron's Jim Priebe.

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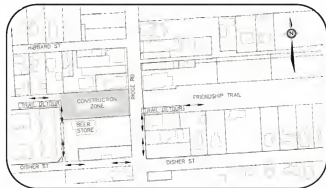
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Tripp accepts job with City of St. Catharines

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

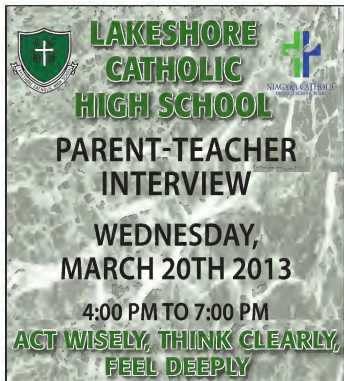
Ron Tripp, who has been serving as the Town of Fort Erie's chief administrative officer for the past year and a half, has announced he is leaving his post to pursue an exciting new opportunity as Director of Transportation and Environmental Services for the City of St. Catharines.

A results-oriented leader, Tripp took over as director of infrastructure services for the Town in April 2005. Under his direction, the Town has undertaken many important infrastructure projects such as the \$28 million Frenchman's Creek Trunk Sewer, which has opened up land for both residential and employment development. Tripp has also been integral in identifying the infrastructure gap and putting in place strategies to see that gap closed through the budgeting process. He has also played a major role in moving the Canadian Motor Speedway project forward.

"Ron has done an outstanding job for the municipality both in his role as Director, where he was highly regarded by his peers in the engineering community, and most recently leading us through a transition period as Chief Administrative Officer," stated Mayor Doug Martin. "Ron's departure will be a great loss to the Town but we wish him and his family all the best in his new role in St. Catharines."

"I have been fortunate to not only be a part of this community, but to also contribute to its improvement. I was privileged to be part of a fantastic team who achieve so much everyday with limited resources. The Town staff is an incredibly capable and devoted group of people. I will also miss working alongside Mayor Martin. His unwavering care for this community and his commitment to its success are unmatched," said Tripp.

Tripp's last day with the Town is Wednesday, April 3, 2013. The recruitment of his successor will begin immediately.



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'It's a name that will stick with me for many years to come'

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"It's quite a pleasure to leave the system, turn around and work for someone you've trained," said Priebe.

He admits that as he runs errands around town and bumps into familiar faces, he is still known as 'Capt. Priebe,' a title he expects will stay with him as long as he is

living in Fort Erie.

"It's a name that will stick with me for many years to come," said Priebe.

He said there isn't one specific event or step taken by the squadron over the 42 years he has been involved at a commanding level, but the many accomplishments achieved by generations of cadets that he is most proud of.

He has seen youth enter the system and through their

“

After only four years of air cadets, I was a completely different person.”

— Jim Priebe
training, gained the experi-

ence to excel academically and find executive positions with companies, become doctors or even architects.

"Those little things really add up," he said.

He used his own personal development in the cadet program as an example.

In his teens, he enjoyed the cadets in 1962 and described himself as shy, someone who did not have the amount of confidence and poise he has today.

"After only four years of air cadets, I was a completely different person," said Priebe.

Even in the later years as a captain, there were still many things he found out about himself and new skills to develop.

"We've come a long way and in the process, I've learned a lot."

Priebe joined the squadron in 1962 as a cadet and graduated in 1967.

In 1969, he returned to 337 Allan Troup as a civilian instructor and taught drill and range. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1973, filling the roles of both training and administration officer.

In 1975, he was appointed commanding officer for the first time and again in 1986, the first former cadet from 337 squadron to hold this appointment.

During the time between appointments, he served as training officer and attended the first captain's qualification course offered in Trenton.

He was appointed commanding officer again in 1993 and held the position until 1998 and assumed command again in 2000 until 2010.

He served a total of 21 years as commanding officer for the 337 squadron and since 2010, has been a recruiting officer.

Priebe was employed with Canada Border Services Agency for 35 years and spent 25 of those years as a customs superintendent.

He retired in 2006. Priebe was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration with two bars and recently qualified for his third, representing over 42 years of service.

He also received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his ongoing commitment to the community and the Canadian Cadet organization.

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Bouquet to Fort Erie Meteors

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Bouquet to asking questions

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Workers don't want to see assets removed until they are paid

Tony Ricciolo
ONI Agency Niagara

A dispute between former employees of Vertis Communications in Stevensville and Quad/Graphics Marketing will most likely be resolved in a courtroom and not on the picket line.

And, it will likely take some time before all the legal issues are ironed out. On Thursday, lawyers representing both the workers, who are members of the Communications, Energy and Paperworks Union of Canada, and

Quad/Graphics appeared in the Superior Court of Justice in St. Catharines to try and resolve some issues regarding what has been taking place on the picket line.

"Our client wants to access the plant and get their materials out," said lawyer Lorenzo Lisi, from the Toronto law firm Aird & Berlis, who filed an injunction motion on behalf of Quad/Graphics, who bought the assets inside the closed Stevensville printing plant.

Lisi said the workers have no right to stop trucks from going in and out of

plant and their dispute is with Vertis, not Quad/Graphics.

Lawyer Denis Ellickson, who represents the union, said Vertis has told the workers they have no money, so the only thing that remains are the assets. The workers are owed money and they don't want to see any assets removed until they are paid what is owed to them.

More than 100 workers at the Eagle St. printing plant found themselves out of work in January when their jobs were terminated without severance pay.

The plant has been

closed, but the equipment has been purchased by Quad/Graphics, which is in the process of having it removed and taken to another location.

The workers claim they are owed about \$2.7 million.

Vertis Communication's U.S. parent company filed for bankruptcy protection last summer.

Vertis announced in October that Wisconsin-based Quad/Graphics had agreed to acquire most of its assets but they weren't interested in the Fort Erie location.

Lisi told court there was an incident last Friday

when a transport truck was blocked from getting through the picket line.

"We are between a rock and a hard place," said Lisi, adding his client has turned to the courts to get some relief from what has happened.

The union's lawyer argued there was no blockade and people were getting in and out.

"The truck was held up, but then it left on its own," said Ellickson.

Justice Robert Nightingale explained that the workers can picket, but "the law doesn't give them more rights than that" and if they have any concerns

about what is happening with the assets, there are legal avenues that can be explored.

He noted that just because the company is from the United States that doesn't prevent anyone from bringing action against them.

Lawyers for the two sides have agreed to come up with a "picket protocol" that will outline how long a vehicle can be stopped.

After court, Dan Wickson, president of the union's Local 425-G, said his members "don't want to break any laws, but we are owed \$2.7 million and we are not going away."



Niagara Region headquarters in Thorold.

Corporate administration director taking position with Ministry of Health

Another high-level bureaucrat has joined the exodus of top managers from Niagara Region.

Corporate administration director Mike Weir has accepted a position with the Ontario Ministry of Health, confirmed Regional Chair Gary Burroughs.

CAO Mike Trojan said Weir will leave in early April for his new position as an assistant deputy minister.

Weir is the latest upper-level bureaucrat to leave the Region since mid-2012.

Former clerk Kevin Bain retired, while former corporate services commissioner Brian Hutchings and deputy treasurer Bryan Roles both jumped to Brock University, one after the other.

Burroughs said none of the departing staff have blamed an oft-fractious regional council for their departure, and he said Weir's move puts him closer to his family. Nevertheless, he said councillors must show more respect for regional bureaucrats.

And he pointed out while the Region is restricting pay for management, the private sector is not,

giving staff opportunities to go elsewhere for more money.

"It's a combination of a whole bunch of things. We've lost some great people," he said.

He said he is still concerned with what the Region is left with.

On council's part, he said staff often meticulously take issues through council subcommittees, only to run into repeat questions and resistance at standing committees and regional council.

"(That) is their right. I understand that. But we're not respecting the part that, wow, a whole team have already done a lot of work. Doesn't mean we accept it carte blanche," Burroughs said.

"Working with staff is

critical and not against staff. None of them have said that's why they're leaving, but it's part of a healthy atmosphere."

Trojan said Weir spent three years at the Region but has worked for the province before.

"He's a bit of a provincial guy and he's heading back there," he said. "It's a good move for him."

He said he sees the coming vacancy as a chance to give an up-and-coming Regional manager some time to shine in the role in the interim while the Region looks for a replacement.

"There's always challenges when you lose people. We've overcome these types of challenges in the past and we will again," he said.

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The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 230, in Ridgeway has wrapped up a successful fundraiser and has other events planned too.

A little bit of country

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

After a successful musical fundraiser, Feb. 16, A Little Bit Country and A Little Bit Rock and Roll, the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 230 Ridgeway, will be hosting another event March 23.

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Agencies get funding

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Brain Injury Community Re-entry (BICR) executive director Frank Greco, left, Wendy Thompson from Niagara Region housing, Shirley Athoe from the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie, BICR founder and president Nick Ostryhon and LHIN chief executive officer Donna Cripps, along with Mayor Doug Martin. Read the story on page 24.




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Great Bloomers front man loves playing in his hometown

Kris Dubé
Editor

A Toronto-based band with a local connection is one of many acts that will be

taking the stage in Ridgeway in the near future.

On March 30, Yukon Blonde, an indie-rock band from British Columbia will headline a show at the

Sanctuary Centre for the Arts, but will also be joined by Great Bloomers, a band formed by Fort Erie native Lowell Sostomi.

The Great Bloomers head-

lined one of the Friendship Festival's nights of music last year and Sostomi says it's always great to play for a hometown crowd.

"I am super excited to share a night with Yukon Blonde in my home town. We have toured Canada many

times together and now they get to hang out and play where I grew up. I hope everyone comes out and shows them why I always talk about how fun Fort Erie is," said Sostomi.

On Mar. 23, the Sanctuary is also excited to present Canadian music icon Ashley MacIsaac.

Tickets are available at www.ticketcity.ca or by calling 905-894-8373.

Other upcoming shows include: April 12 - My Son The Hurricane with Theatre Crisp. On May 10, Hey Ocean will take the stage and on June 8, the Great Lake Swimmers will perform.



Lowell Sostomi, far right, and his band Great Bloomers will be playing the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts on Mar. 23.

Next show at Legion, Mar. 23

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I was very pleased with the outcome. The room was filled to capacity and everyone had a great time. People are still talking about it," said Robert Hiron, community development officer for the Ridgeway Legion.

The event in February featured Straight South, Brittney Hebbourn, Bryce Moore, Tony Sidall, Heather Yandeau, Meaghan Townsend, Jake

Ranger, Sherri MacDonald, Tara-House Phibbs, Doug Kidd and the Hiron Family. A few skits were also added to some of the songs to create an entertaining event.

Barbara Hopkins, the Ridgeway Legion's president, said she would like to have an event every month.

"The next show is scheduled for March 23, the show is called Good Vibrations, which features Rock and Roll hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s. It promises to be a great night of enter-

tainment," said Hiron.

Good Vibrations will be a Prime Dinner Show, held upstairs in the Legion Hall.

"I want people to be able to come out and enjoy themselves without having to pay a fortune for it. The Ridgeway Legion is always open to the public, so I urge everyone to come out and see what we have to offer," said Hopkins.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Ridgeway Legion, or by contacting Hiron at 905-871-3389.

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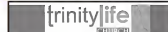
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Jury finds Hope guilty of murder

Defence lawyer says Hope shot Tyrone Johnston because he felt his own life was in danger

Robert Hope collapsed in tears as a jury found him guilty of second-degree murder on Friday in connection with the shooting death of Tyrone Johnston more than three years ago.

A number of the jurors were also brought to tears when the jury foreman read in the verdict after almost 20 hours of deliberations over three days.

The 26-year-old Fort Erie man was on trial in Welland Superior Court on charges of first-degree murder and using a firearm to commit an indictable offence.

His lawyer, Deborah Loft, had argued his client should be found not guilty

“The jury, on the evidence they heard, came to a fair and just verdict.”

— Assistant Crown Attorney Bob Mahler

of any charges because he shot Johnston, 32, in self defence on Oct. 4, 2009.

She said Hope believed Johnston was reaching for a gun after a verbal altercation at a child's birthday party at a Drummond Rd. townhouse complex.

The Crown maintained Hope chased the man and shot him in the back as he was running away.

Assistant Crown attorney Bob Mahler told QMI Agency Niagara he was pleased with the outcome.

“The jury, on the evidence they heard, came to

a fair and just verdict,” he said.

After the verdict, Judge Ann Tucker asked the seven-woman, five-man jury to return to the deliberations room in order to make recommendations on when Hope should be eligible for parole.

A conviction of second-degree murder carries a life sentence with no possibility of parole for between 10 and 25 years.

When making a recommendation, the judge told the jurors to take into consideration Hope's charac-



Robert Hope in a photo from Facebook

ter, the nature of the offence and the circumstances of the offence.

The majority of the jurors recommended Hope be eligible for parole after ten years, which is the mini-

mum. The judge can accept or reject the recommendations when Hope returns to court July 4 for sentencing.

The adjournment, court heard, will allow members of Johnston's family to write victim impact statements which will be read into court.

A long-time Johnston friend who did not want to be identified spoke on behalf of his family and friends.

“Tyrone was not perfect and may have had his fair share of run ins with the law but he was a good person with a big heart,” she said, adding Johnston is “deeply missed” by his family, friends, common-law wife and his children.

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Agencies get funding from LHIN

Kris Dubé
Editor

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Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has allowed for a partnership between Niagara Regional Housing, the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie and Brain Injury

Community Re-entry (BICR).

The public and non-profit organizations involved were successful in receiving \$360,000 from the LHIN through the aging-at-home initiative to take over eight of 12 units at the Region's complex on Bowden Street.

Frank Greco, executive director of BICR, said the funding will go directly to people living with brain injury and will not have to be spent on bricks and mortar or maintenance to the building.

“All of the funding is related to service,” said Greco.

Donna Cripps, the LHIN's chief executive officer, said the funding addresses a gap in

“It's our pleasure to support a proposal like this.”

— Donna Cripps
Chief Executive Officer of the
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service to the area and is proud to see the agencies benefit.

“It's our pleasure to support a proposal like this,” said Cripps.

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by Alaina Miller, M.D.Sc.
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An ORNGE helicopter lands on the Niagara Parkway to carry a St. Catharines to a Hamilton hospital after he was injured when a large rock fell on him in the Niagara Glen.

St. Catharines man recovering after gorge accident

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

It was supposed to be a harmless hike in the gorge. And that's all it was, until an accident forced a 23-year-old St. Catharines man to get airlifted to a Hamilton hospital.

A large rock dislodged while the man was hiking and fell on his back leaving him with serious, but non-life threatening injuries Sunday afternoon.

Rick Fast, one of the group's 10 hikers, said he decided to take advantage of the warm weather and head to the Niagara Glen.

"It was actually (the injured man's) idea to go," said Fast, declining to release his friend's name. "We were hiking for about an hour before it happened."

Fast said his friend began climbing a slope near the river's edge not far off the marked trail and put his hand on one of the rocks.

"It came loose and as it did, my friend jumped out of

the way and it came down and hit his back in the shoulder area," said Fast.

He estimated the rock was about three-feet wide and said he was told by Niagara Parks Police it weighed about 500 pounds.

Niagara Parks Police Chief Doug Kane said as of Monday afternoon, the man was still listed in stable condition and is staying in Hamilton General Hospital for further assessment.

He said occasional hikers don't need to worry about the glen being unsafe. The last time a person was injured because of a falling rock was two years ago, Kane said.

While large rocks falling aren't a frequent occurrence, people should pay extra attention to hazardous conditions especially in the spring time.

"The frost from the cold weather certainly takes its toll on the features in the glen," he said. "Sometimes frost gets in the cracks of the rock and loosens them up and the ground certainly

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Your level of risk increases as you veer off the marked trails.”

— Niagara Parks Police
Chief Doug Kane

shifts."

Kane said officers and Niagara Parks Commission staff frequently inspect the trails to monitor conditions, but recognizes people often tend to hike off the marked trails.

"Your level of risk increases as you veer off the marked trails," he said.

Niagara Helicopters flew the injured man out of the gorge while an ORNGE air ambulance took him to a Hamilton hospital.

Drugs or alcohol were not a factor, said Kane.

Ninety per cent of Niagara's businesses are small to medium sized

Jeff Bolichowski
QMI Agency Niagara

Ontario should cast an eye toward boosting businesses come budget time, says the CEO of Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce.

Walter Sendzik said support for small- and medium-sized businesses should be on Premier Kathleen Wynne's radar when the governing Liberals present their budget later this year.

He said 90% of Niagara's businesses are small- to mid-sized, and they're key to growth here.

"If we're going to grow our economy, it's going to go through business," he said. "Government is not in a position to grow the economy. Businesses are."

Sendzik's hopes for business policies — creating opportunities and removing red tape — are among items on local wish lists for the province's fiscal road map.

Wynne, chosen last

month to replace former premier Dalton McGuinty, will have to face a confidence vote when she brings the budget forward. If the Progressive Conservatives and the New Democratic Party both refuse to back it, it will mean an election.

That likely means a budget geared toward appealing to the NDP, since the Tories don't seem to want to play ball, said Brock University political science professor David Siegel. And, he said, it would likely be short on new revenue.

"She might have to fight an election on this budget," he said.

He said Niagara Region will be looking for provincial help with social services and housing.

"The long-term trend is the provincial government has made a commitment to upload social assistance-type expenses," Siegel said. But he said there are concerns it's not happening fast enough, and the province doesn't have the loose change to take it all

at once.

"It's huge," he said of the expense. "That's why the province can only (upload) it in steps."

But he said this budget probably won't be a boon to municipalities.

And he said while some regional types are hoping for word on a proposed south Niagara highway, he does not expect it to be addressed.

Regional Chair Gary Burroughs is not pinning hopes on budget boons, though.

"I would like a budget that the other parties can at least get enough support to not go to an election. It's not a good time," he said.

He said the region is finalizing its priorities for Niagara Week, its yearly lobbying spree at Queen's Park.

"I don't expect to see these items in any budget," he said.

"I would say it's of more of a settlement kind of budget, a compromise budget."

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Hollywood stars Rosario Dawson, right, and Mireille Enos, left, were at the Dairy Queen on Ferry St. Tuesday March 12, 2013 filming scenes for the upcoming movie Queen of the Night. It was the last day of filming in Niagara Falls.

Motion picture being shot in Niagara Falls

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

It was lights, cameras, and a little bit of action at the Dairy Queen on Ferry St. in Niagara Falls on Tuesday.

Traffic slowed and some onlookers braved the chill to check out filming of the Atom Egoyan thriller Queen of the Night taking place inside the tourist district restaurant. The set was closed, though Dawson and co-star Mireille Enos could be glimpsed sitting in a booth near one of the windows.

Dairy Queen supervisor Kristina Van Dun managed to get a photo with Dawson in-between takes.

"She was really nice, really friendly," she says. "Very down to earth. Not stuck up at all."

Dawson has starred in films like Seven Pounds, Death Proof, Rent and Sin City (along with the upcom-

ing sequel Sin City: A Dame to Kill For). In Queen of the Night, she plays a detective helping the parents of a kidnapped girl (Ryan Reynolds, Mireille Enos) follow up on new clues to her whereabouts about eight years after she was taken. The story is set in Niagara Falls, with filming taking place here, Toronto and Sudbury.

It is scheduled to reach theatres in 2014.

The film crew has been in Niagara Falls for a week, though fans of Reynolds were left disappointed. Set publicist Maureen O'Donnell says the Green Lantern and Safe House star finished filming his scenes in Sudbury last month.

The scene at Dairy Queen involved Dawson's character discussing the kidnapping with the girl's mother, played by Mireille Enos (The Killing, Big Love).

Restaurant manager Mike Lalich was thrilled to host some Hollywood. The inte-

rior was transformed to look more like a regular diner.

"I found that amazing," he says. "It's just a neat experience, something different."

He also met Dawson briefly.

"Very nice lady. She spent a couple minutes talking to my niece (Kristina), took a picture without any problems."

Likewise, Canadian director Egoyan was a "friendly, accommodating guy. Everybody's been great with us."

Egoyan is known for brooding psychological thrillers like Exotica and Where the Truth Lies. He received an Oscar nomination for Best Director for 1997's The Sweet Hereafter.

"He's always wanted to shoot in the Falls," says O'Donnell. "It's a place of such iconic beauty, and he wanted that natural and man-made beauty on film."

The only problem with shooting in the Falls? No time to actually see the falls.

"There's just not enough time," she says. "It's long days of filming."

The sidewalks in front of Dairy Queen were closed off early Tuesday morning, and even across the street the pedestrians were actually extras walking back and forth. As The Review attempted to speak with extra Meagan Starostic from Niagara Falls, a crew member intervened to say "no interviews."

After her brush with Dawson, Van Dun was still holding out hope Reynolds might show up.

"I was just saying, this is the most exciting thing to happen to us at Dairy Queen."

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Skaters bring home medals

At the recent Western Ontario Starskate competition held in Aylmer on February 23, local figure skaters Madelyn Beam, John Dermott and Audrey Morrison, qualified to compete at the 2013 Skate Ontario Starskate Championships, which will be held in Fort Erie on March 23 and 24.

Madelyn Beam, age 12 of Fort Erie, earned a silver medal in her Starskate Junior Bronze ladies flight. Madelyn placed third overall out of seventy-seven skaters to represent the Western Ontario Starskate team.

John Dermott, age 13 of Fort Erie, earned a gold medal in the Starskate Junior Bronze mens flight. John's first place finish qualified him to represent the Starskate Western Ontario team.

Audrey Morrison, age 11 of Fonthill, earned a gold medal in her Starskate Junior Bronze ladies flight. Audrey placed second overall out of seventy-seven skaters to represent the Western Ontario Starskate team.

Team coaches Carol Ann Woodland and Ron Shaver are very proud of their skaters and wish them all the best in the upcoming Skate Ontario competition.

The 2013 Skate Ontario Starskate Championships will be held at the Fort Erie Leisureplex on March 23rd and 24th. General Admission is \$8, children ages 4-12 \$5, and those 3 and under are free.



Fort Erie Figure Skating Club coach Carol-Ann Woodland, Madelyn Beam, Audrey Morrison, John Dermott and coach Ron Shaver.



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Young athlete sets provincial track record

Kris Dubé
Editor

Isaac 'Ikey' Lapp isn't slowing down any time soon.

The 12-year-old student from St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School is becoming a seasoned track star, recently winning two gold medals in his under-14 age group at a meet held at York University.

He finished the 800-metre run in two minutes and 19 seconds, before also taking gold in the 1200-metre category, with a time of three minutes and 45 seconds.

A few weeks before bringing home two gold medals at the provincial meet, he set an Ontario record for his age bracket in a race at the University of Toronto, finish-

“

It's going to be cool to see what I can do when I get older.”

—Isaac 'Ikey' Lapp

ing in two minutes and 58 seconds.

Lapp, a grade seven student, trains with Niagara Regional Athletics during both the indoor and outdoor seasons and hopes to one day receive a scholarship to attend university for his talents.

“It's going to be cool to see what I can do when I get older,” said the modest

young man when meeting with the Fort Erie Times this week.

Lapp also placed first in the annual Crystal Beach five-kilometre run held last year.

His mother Terrie says the coaches and fellow track athletes he trains with deserve as much praise that they can get, being part of such a great program that has not only developed his athletic skills, but prepared him for many aspects of life.

“I'm very proud of his accomplishments. It's shaping him into a great person, all around,” she said.

Last year, Lapp also competed in the North American finals and placed fourth overall in his age group, narrowly beaten by a runner from Puerto Rico.



A Fort Erie Meteor collides with a St. Catharines Falcon, earlier in the past regular season. The Meteors were beat out of the post-season in five games, by their rival, the Port Colborne Pirates.



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It is our plan to amalgamate Benner Funeral Services and Hammond Davidson Funeral Home, ultimately closing the Wintemute St. location.

If you have utilized Hammond Davidson Funeral Home or one of the previous funeral homes on that site please contact us for documentation or paperwork. If you currently have funeral services prepaid at Hammond Davidson Funeral Home, you have been notified by surface mail of your options. We wish Karl Hammond the very best and thank him for his outstanding and dedicated service to the residents of Fort Erie.

We are excited that Maria Reid will remain on staff and will join Phil Screen and Darren Flagg as valued members of our licensed funeral staff. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact us. We are confident and invested in the future of Greater Fort Erie and thank the community for their support.

Meteors out of playoffs

The Fort Erie Meteors were knocked out of the Golden Horseshoe Conference's post-season on Friday.

Facing the Port Colborne Pirates in the first round, the Meteors started the series by winning the first game 2-1.

Port Colborne would win the next four games in a row, taking the best of seven series with a 6-2 win at home.

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Game four was at the Leisureplex on Mar. 6 and the Pirates won 6-1.

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A special thank you to Cory Haytals as DJ for providing awesome rockin tunes. Fort Erie Golf Lark, thank you for the use of the hall, excellent bartending by Jen, Katie, Ashley and providing a safe shuttle service to accommodate all who attended.

To each and every person and business who donated countless gift items, prizes, food, desserts and your time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will not soon be forgotten.

The out-going support from our kind, caring community we live in was overwhelming.

To family, friends, and these Special Angels: Jeanne Sheehy, Debbie Lucio, Joanne Thomasla, Debbie Heylsl, Pat Michelson, Bonnie Carver, Joanne Havill, Debbie Dean, Jill Carver, Wendy Schaeffer, Debbie Greaves, Bonnie Clark, Dona Donald, Patty Calkins, Kim Blair, and the Cupcake Kat. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to you all!

Love Sharon and Cody.

FELL, Paul - We are devastated at the loss of wonderful husband, devoted father, and cherished grandfather. Paul passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Monday March 11th in his 67th year. Best friend and husband to Judy (nee Stover). Proud father Kim (Brook) Wilson and Keli (Paul) Pendakis, and adored Poppy to Clayton, Liam, Lily and Mitchell. Sadly missed by his sister Deborah Rennie. Survived by his extended family, his nieces, nephews and many friends. Predeceased by his sister Diana Amlyn. Paul was a highly respected educator and mentor who touched many students and aspired many teachers. Paul was a high school principal at E.L. Crossley, N/CVI, Fort Erie Secondary and Westlane Secondary. Recently he mentored student teachers at Niagara University. A proud citizen of Fort Erie, Paul served as Ward 3 councillor on the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation and the E.J. Freedland Foundation. A long-time member of Bridgewater Golf Course. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday March 17th from 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. If so desired, donations to the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



SWALM, Ray Lamar - Under the loving and devoted care of his children, Lounisa & Grant, Larry & Sara, and his wife Winnie, Ray passed away at his home in Crystal Beach, on March 5, 2013. He will be missed by all, including grandchildren, Michael, Sean, Ashley, Robin, McKenzie and Logan and many friends. A Celebration Concert and Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 2:00 at the TrinityLife Church (formerly Sheraton BIC) on Sheraton Road, Sheraton. Visitation will be Friday, March 15, 2013 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 1-2 at TrinityLife Church. Interment will be at a later date at Stayer Brothers in Christ Cemetery. The family expresses gratitude to medical support, Niagara Funeral Alternative and numerous church and community friends and associates. Memorial donations may be made to TrinityLife Church Building Fund, Niagara Christian Community of Schools, or the charity of your choice. For condolences please visit <http://ray-swalm-lam-memories.com/condolence>

BURNS, Aletair, Buchanan, age 81. With great sadness passed away in Richmond, Virginia on March 14, 2013. A1 is remembered by his daughter Kim Phillips, husband (Horn), sons Scott and Bradley, his sisters, Theresa Hickey, Elizabeth O'Connor, and Lynna Stouffer. Will be greatly missed by his 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Predeceased by his wife Brenda, parents Robert & Catherine Burns & brother Bob Burns Jr. A1 was born in Montreal 1931. Worked as a stationer at Cherry Hill Golf Club. Ridgeway with his father & brother. Moved to Williamsburg, Virginia as an assistant PM at a local Country Club and then moved to Williamsburg, Virginia where he was Host PM for 25 years at the Kingsmill. He and his wife, Jeanne. Retiring 2000. Memorial service was held on March 4, 2013 Richmond, Virginia.



Richard Rick Belward
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UNRUH, Bob - The family of the late Bob Unruh would like to express thanks to family and friends who helped and supported to all the nurses & doctors from the hospital and palliative care, the PSW Red Cross, the PSW Pavers, Dr. Scher, also Darren Flagg and his staff at the Benner Funeral Services. We would not have made it without all your help.

Vera and Family.

SUMBLER, Patsy "Patty" - Secure in her faith, comforted and surrounded by those that loved her, Patsy passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on March 9th, 2013 after a brave battle at the age of 55. Her life will live on and her wishes noted by her husband Gerry Minor, her mother Mary Sumblar and siblings, Robert "Gerry" (Debbie), Cindy, Margaret (Mel) and Debbie (Bill). She shared an immense love and mutual respect with his nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephew and their lives have been enriched by each other. There is peace in knowing that she is now reunited with her brother Norrie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday March 12th from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. If so desired, donations to Help a Child Smile would be appreciated by the family.

WOODCOX, Alma - Passed away peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital on Wednesday March 6th 2013. Beloved wife of late husband Edward Woodcox and loving mother of Vincent (Cheryl) and Leona (Rick). Also survived by brother Eugene, sisters Gladys and Ellen, Eugene and later sister Thelma. Also survived by four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Friends called at the funeral home on Saturday March 9th from 10-11 a.m. Service to celebrate Alma's life followed in the chapel. Interment at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to The Central Policy Support Foundation of Canada in honour of her granddaughter.

In Memoriams

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